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OF VIRUSES, AND METHODS OF THERAPY BASED THEREUPON

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Please amend the application as indicated below and consider the following remarks.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 22 to 40 without prejudice as directed to a non-elected invention.

Amend claims 1-21 as follows:

-- 1. (Amended) A method for removing a virus from a liquid sample, the method comprising:

obtaining a membrane engrafted with polymeric side chains having one or more positively charged functional groups that interact with viruses, wherein the membrane has a nominal pore size between 20 nm and 1000 nm; and

passing the sample through the membrane to remove viruses from the sample.--

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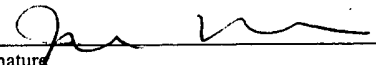
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